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SUBJECT: DECEMBER NATO MINISTERIAL AND QUADRIpartite

MEETING: BERLIN AND GERMANY ASPECTS

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BEGIN SUMMARY. AT NOVEMBER 7 CONTINUATION OF DISCUSSION
ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE DECEMBER QUADRIpartite MEETING,
THE BONN GROUP REACHED AD REF AGREEMENT ON A COMMUNIQUE
PASSAGE ON BERLIN. THE BONN GROUP ALSO AGREED
TO RECOMMEND THAT A REFERENCE TO THE APPLICABILITY OF
THE RESULTS OF CSCE TO BERLIN BE INCLUDED IN THE PORTION
OF THE NATO COMMUNIQUE DEALING WITH CSCE. DISCUSSION OF
THE AGENDA FOR THE QUADRIpartite MEETING WILL BE CON-
TINUED NOVEMBER 12. ACTION REQUESTED. APPROVAL OF AD
REF COMMUNIQUE PASSAGE. END SUMMARY

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QUADRIPARTITE MINISTERIAL AND SENIOR LEVEL MEETING

1. UK REP (HITCH) REPORTED AT NOVEMBER 7 BONN GROUP MEETING THAT HE HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT FCO POLITICAL DIRECTOR CAMPBELL HAD CONSULTED HIS US, FRG, AND FRENCH COLLEAGUES, AND THAT THE FOUR HAD CONCLUDED THAT THE NATO SYG SHOULD BE ASKED TO HAVE HIS LUNCHEON VERY EARLY ON DECEMBER 12 SO THAT THE FOUR MINISTERS COULD MEET IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE US PERMREP.

2. AS FOR THE SENIOR LEVEL MEETING, THE BRITISH WERE PROPOSING, ACCORDING TO HITCH'S REPORT, THAT THIS TAKE PLACE THE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 11 OR MORNING OF DECEMBER 12. HITCH SAID THE UK AGREED WITH THE "US PROPOSAL" FOR EXTREMELY LIMITED ATTENDANCE AT THE QUADRIPARTITE MINISTERIAL MEETING BUT WOULD WANT A GERMAN EXPERT PRESENT FOR THE DISCUSSION ON GERMANY. IF IT WERE DESIRED THAT HE WITHDRAW AFTER THAT PORTION, HE WOULD REMAIN IN THE ANTEROOM UNTIL THE END OF THE MEETING SO THAT OTHER NATO DELEGATIONS WOULD HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT GERMANY WAS THE ONLY SUBJECT UNDER DISCUSSION.

3. FRG REP (LUECKING) SAID POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL IS VERY MUCH IN AGREEMENT THAT THERE SHOULD BE A SENIOR LEVEL MEETING. HE HAD NOTHING TO SAY AS YET ON TIMING.

4. LUECKING ALSO SAID IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO CONSIDER IN THE BONN GROUP WHAT SHOULD BE SAID TO THE PRESS AFTER THE QUAD MEETING, GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE NATO COMMUNIQUE WOULD ALREADY HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED.

ASSESSMENT AND AGENDA FOR QUADRIPARTITE MEETING

5. THERE WAS PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF THE FRG DRAFT ASSESSMENT OF EVENTS OF THE PAST SIX MONTHS AND OF A UK DRAFT AGENDA. DISCUSSION WILL BE CONTINUED NOVEMBER 12.

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6. DISCUSSION TURNED TO THE FRG DRAFT TEXT FOR A PASSAGE ON BERLIN FOR THE NATO COMMUNIQUE REPORTED IN PARA 4, REF (A), CONCERNING WHICH THE FRENCH AND UK REPS HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS. AD REF AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON A TEXT WHICH WOULD RETAIN THE SENSE OF THE FIRST PARAGRAPH BUT SHORTEN IT SOMEWHAT, RETAIN THE SECOND PARAGRAPH INTACT EXCEPT FOR ELIMINATION OF THE

WORDS "AND SECURITY" FROM THE LAST LINE, AND MODIFY
THE FINAL PARAGRAPH TO REMOVE THE STATEMENT THAT THE
RESULTS OF CSCE APPLY TO BERLIN. THE FRENCH REP
(BOISSIEU) SAID HIS INSTRUCTIONS WERE FIRM ON THIS LAST
POINT. WHILE PARIS SUPPORTED THE IDEA, THE FRENCH
CONSIDERED THAT IT SHOULD BE WORKED INTO THE GENERAL
DISCUSSION OF CSCE WHICH PRESUMABLY WILL BE INCLUDED

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ELSEWHERE IN THE NATO COMMUNIQUE.

7. LUECKING SAID THAT THE GERMANS CONSIDERED IT
EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT THE NATO MINISTERS TAKE NOTE
OF THE STATEMENTS BY THE THREE ALLIED HEADS OF GOVERN-
MENT AT HELSINKI ON THE APPLICABILITY OF CSCE TO
BERLIN. WHILE THE FRG WOULD PREFER THAT THIS BE DONE
IN THE PASSAGE ON BERLIN, HE COULD AGREE THAT IT BE
TREATED ELSEWHERE IN ORDER TO REACH CONSENSUS ON THE

BERLIN PASSAGE. ALL REPS AGREED TO RECOMMEND INCLUSION IN THE CSCE PORTION OF THE COMMUNIQUE A STATEMENT THAT THE MINISTERS "WELCOME" OR "TAKE NOTE OF" THE FACT THAT, SUBJECT TO QUADRIPARTITE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, THE RESULTS OF CSCE APPLY TO BERLIN, AS THEY DO THROUGHOUT EUROPE.

8. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE BERLIN PASSAGE ON WHICH AD REF AGREEMENT WAS REACHED:
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BEGIN TEXT. THE MINISTERS REVIEWED THE DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING BERLIN AND GERMANY WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE SINCE THEIR LAST MEETING IN MAY 1975. THEY TOOK NOTE OF THE DECLARATION MADE BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF FRANCE, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND THE UNITED STATES ON OCTOBER 14, 1975, THAT THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FOUR POWERS FOR BERLIN AND GERMANY AS A WHOLE REMAIN UNAFFECTED BY THE TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP, COOPERATION AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE CONCLUDED BY THE USSR AND THE GDR ON THE 7TH OF OCTOBER 1975.

THEY EMPHASIZED, IN PARTICULAR, THAT TRAFFIC AND TIES BETWEEN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE REPRESENTATION ABROAD OF THE INTERESTS OF THOSE SECTORS BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY CONTINUE TO BE IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF THE VIABILITY OF THE CITY.

THEY HAVE UNDERLINED THE ESSENTIAL CONNECTION BETWEEN THE SITUATION RELATING TO BERLIN AND DETENTE, SECURITY, AND COOPERATION THROUGHOUT EUROPE. END TEXT.

BRIEFING NATO

9. BOISSIEU REFERRED TO A REQUEST BY MENZIES (APPARENTLY A VARIANT OF THE PERMREPS DISCUSSION REPORTED REF B) THAT NATO BE GIVEN A BRIEFING BY ONE OR MORE OF THE FOUR POWERS ON THE CURRENT BERLIN SITUATION. ALTHOUGH HE HAD NO SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS, HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY FOR THE BONN GROUP TO PREPARE TWO ASSESSMENT PAPERS -- ONE WHICH IS TO FORM PART OF THE BRIEFING PAPERS FOR THE QUADRIPARTITE MEETING, AND ANOTHER WHICH COULD BE USED IN NATO. US REP SAID HE HAD SEEN A REPORT THAT SOME OF THE PERMREPS HAD ASKED TO SEE THE BERLIN PASSAGE OF THE COMMUNIQUE AHEAD OF TIME. NONE OF THE OTHER REPS HAD INFORMATION ON A REQUEST FOR A BERLIN BRIEFING.

10. ACTION REQUESTED: RECOMMEND (A) DEPARTMENT'S
CONCURRENCE IN THE AD REF TEXT IN PARA 6 ABOVE, AND (B)
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APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATION THAT A REFERENCE TO THE
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